

Call for Workshop Scholarships

The RLC Campus at ZEF, University of Bonn, Germany, offers scholarships for PhD students from Asia, Africa and Latin America to participate in the international workshop on “Mobilization for Change: Promoting and Defending Justice for Marginalized People”, September 8-13, 2018, in Bonn.

Background

The Right Livelihood College (RLC) is a global education and research initiative of universities and the Right Livelihood Award, also known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize" (www.rightlivelihood.org).

The RLC Campus in Bonn is hosted by the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, and supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). It provides transdisciplinary education and research in fields of social justice, poverty alleviation and empowerment (www.rlc-bonn.de).

The workshop

The workshop will take place from September 8-13, 2018, at ZEF. It focuses on research and practice concerned with marginalized people and their access to opportunities and resources, as well as the (equitable) distribution of the impacts of consequences of unsustainability. The topic will be tackled in a transdisciplinary way, combining case studies from social, economic, and political/cultural sciences with best practice examples from civil society action and agency. The workshop will be organized with the Association of German Development Services (AGdD).

Three “Alternative Nobel Prize” Laureates, among others, will act as resource persons, namely: Martín von Hildebrand from Colombia (Director of Fundación Gaia Amazonas, ethnologist and activist for ingenious rights and forest conservation), Hina Jilani from Pakistan (founder of the Women’s Action Forum and the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, lawyer), and Nnimmo Bassey from Nigeria (Director of Health of Mother Earth Foundation, environmentalist and poet).

PhD students will be invited to discuss their research in a cohesive transdisciplinary way by building on each participant’s experience.

The workshop will target the following objectives:

- to strengthen knowledge and understanding of concepts of justice and marginalization in a development context,
- to critically assess the situation of marginalized groups of people,
- to present own case studies concerned, and
- to promote transmission of expertise and experience between PhD students, development experts, and “Alternative Nobel Prize” Laureates.

The scholarships will cover all costs for international and national travel, hotel accommodation, catering, and working materials. The workshop will be embedded in a variety of social and cultural side-events.

Who can apply?

PhD students from Asia, Africa and Latin America who conduct topic-related research from disciplines such as political sciences, development studies, law, sociology, geography, or ethnology. Preferably in the middle/ end of their studies. Fluent English is mandatory. Women applications are particularly welcome.

How to apply?

Your application should consist of:

- Completed online application form. See under: <https://rlcbonn.limequery.com/226968?lang=en>
- 300 word abstract (in English) of your PhD project and a CV

The deadline is June 17, 2018. Invited participants will be informed until June 25.

For questions regarding the workshop, please contact Dr. Till Stellmacher: stellmacher@rlc-bonn.de
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